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The Honorable Bruce Westerman, Chairman House Committee on Natural Resources 1324 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Raul Grijalva, Ranking Member House Committee on Natural Resources 1332 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva:

I write to you today in support of H.R. 764, the Trust the Science Act, sponsored by Congresswoman Boebert. Colorado Farm Bureau represents over 20,000 farming and ranching families who depend on consistency when it comes to species management and recovery by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Ongoing litigation and executive action have only further exacerbated our members' frustrations.

When management of the gray wolf was returned to the states by the Trump administration in 2020, our members celebrated this return of state and local control. State management of wolves has proven to be successful, and our nation's farmers and ranchers have been an important part of the recovery equation, often partnering with state and federal agencies. However; resolution has remained elusive and our members need congress to act decisively.

Therefore, we appreciate Congresswoman Boebert's work to bring a resolution to the status of wolves in the Northern Rockies and Great Lakes. H.R. 764 has received broad bi-partisan support and is predicated on the best available and peer reviewed science. The passage of this measure would do much to engender greater trust from our farming and ranching families who do much to steward wildlife populations and habitats. On behalf of Colorado Farm Bureau, we wish you a productive hearing and urge your careful consideration of the Trust the Science Act and the positive impact it would have on rural Colorado if enacted.

Sincerely,

Carlyle Currier, President Colorado Farm Bureau

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